REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Club Wm3

Other Known Title: Club Wm3.doc

Medium: Computer Text File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: New Zealand

Language: English

Applicant: The District Court at Rangiora

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer text file *Club Wm3* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication, a 962 page chat log, is in itself a sexually explicit record of exploitative online relationships between a large number of girls and a much older man. It is likely to be arousing for persons with a sexual interest in children and young persons, and would serve to legitimise that interest and potentially encourage them to pursue damaging online or real-life relationships with children and young persons. As such, it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.